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## **Official Announcement from The Foundation of NACE Regarding the 2024 Vince DeFinis Scholarship Award**

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The Foundation of NACE, with deep respect and commitment to fairness and integrity in our scholarship awards process, wishes to issue an official statement regarding a recent oversight in the announcement of the 2024 Vince DeFinis Scholarship winner.

Due to an unfortunate processing error within our administrative protocols, we announced the recipient of the esteemed 2024 Vince DeFinis Scholarship in error. We extend our sincerest apologies to all individuals affected by this mistake, especially to those who have been inadvertently misinformed about the outcome.

After a thorough review and confirmation, we must correct the public record and announce that Skylar Dryden is the rightful winner of the 2024 Vince DeFinis Scholarship. Skylar has exemplified outstanding scholarly merit, professional endeavors, and a compelling vision for his future within the industry, making him a distinguished choice for this recognition.

The Vince DeFinis Scholarship, named after the founder of the first NACE chapter, is a prestigious award designed to support undergraduate students showing remarkable leadership abilities. The scholarship package offers a generous tuition scholarship, robust career development tools, opportunities for interaction with industry leaders, and participation in NACE networking throughout the year. This award aligns with our mission to foster the growth and success of future professionals in the catering and events sectors.

We deeply regret the confusion and disappointment this error caused and are taking immediate steps to ensure such an oversight does not occur again in the future. It is our priority to uphold the highest standards of transparency and accuracy in all our operations.

To Skylar Dryden, congratulations on your well-deserved achievement. We look forward to supporting your educational endeavors and watching your future contributions to our industry unfold.

**About The Foundation of NACE**

The Foundation of NACE advances the catering and events industry through scholarships that help both future and current professionals. Since 2008, The Foundation of NACE has awarded more than \$100,000.00 to those pursuing or advancing careers in catering and events. These scholarships provide aid that supports tuition, travel, leadership training and professional development to those who want a career in the catering and events industry.

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